

Iowa Public Information Board

PERFORMANCE REPORT

Performance Results Achieved

Fiscal Year 2018

Board Members

E. J. Giovannetti • Keith Luchtel • Monica McHugh • Frederick Morain • William Peard
Julie Pottorff • Suzan Stewart • Renee Twedt • Mary Unga-Sogaard

Board Members

Iowa Code chapter 23 establishes the Board and provides that no more than three members of the nine member board shall represent the media, and not more than three represent cities, counties, or other local governments. The members serve staggered four-year terms, and the Board must be balanced by political party and gender. The Board elects a chair and vice chair from among its members. The Board is an independent agency of the executive branch. The following individuals were serving on the Board at the end of fiscal year 2018:

E.J. Giovannetti, Urbandale
Keith Luchtel, Clive
Frederick (Rick) Morain, Jefferson
Monica McHugh, Zwingle
William Peard, Waukee
Julie Pottorff, Des Moines
Suzan Stewart, Sioux City
Renee Twedt, Story City
Mary Unga-Sogaard, Dyersville

Board Staff

The following staff was serving at the pleasure of the Board at the end of fiscal year 2018:

Margaret E. Johnson, Executive Director
Brett J. Toresdahl, Administrator
Vacant – Legal Counsel

The Board's Vision

The goal of the Iowa Public Information Board is to facilitate participatory democracy in Iowa through education and training of its citizens and government officials in the provisions and applications of the state's open meetings and open records laws, chapter 21 and 22. The Board is to provide an alternative means of securing compliance and enforcement of the open meetings and open records laws through the provision of an efficient, informal, and cost-effective process.

Complaints and Rulings

In FY18, staff processed 811 matters as outlined below:

Formal Complaints - 99
Informal Complaints - 69
Advisory Opinions - 23
Declaratory Orders/Petitions for Rule Making - 0
Informal Requests for Information/Action - 547
Miscellaneous Others - 72

Board Proceeding

All Iowa Public Information Board meeting minutes for the past year are available on the Board's website (www.ipib.iowa.gov).

Board Outreach and Training

The Board continues to provide training and outreach as requested and as part of the informal resolution of complaints. The IPIB training curriculum is posted on the IPIB website. The website was accessed 16,335 times in FY18. The Board has also been adopting administrative rules to help provide guidance to the public and regulated community with uniform policies, procedures, and interpretations.

Future Goals

The Board has only been operational since July, 2013. As such, it is still in the process of determining the metrics and measurements for enhanced future performance. For fiscal year 2018, resolution of the 811 matters brought before the Board were resolved in the following time frame:

Same Day:	67%
1-5 Days:	17%
6 Days or more:	16%

The Board will continue striving to resolve as many issues as possible in an expeditious manner, while ensuring that the issues are given proper time and due diligence.

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